

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2877 - HB 2872

February 4, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes an individual to register to vote and also cast their ballot at the local election commission office during the early voting period. Currently, an individual must register to vote at least thirty days before an election.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Expenditures* – \$197,600 / Every Two Years

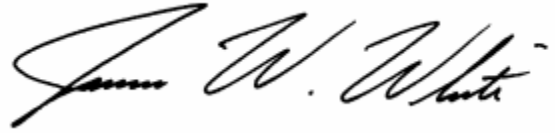
Assumptions:

- According to the State Coordinator of Elections, permitting voters to register to vote and to cast a ballot on the same day of early voting could result in long lines and waiting periods which would necessitate the hiring of additional poll workers.
- In order to handle the additional paperwork (completing a voter registration form, verification of identification of voter, verification that voter has not already voted in another county, entering voter data into the system database, and allowing the voter to cast a ballot), it is estimated that an average of one additional poll worker would be required for each day of early voting in each county.
- Larger counties could require more than one additional poll worker and some smaller counties may not require additional assistance.
- There are 13 days of early voting.
- The average compensation of a poll worker is \$80 per day.
- There are two regularly scheduled elections every two years.
- The estimated cost of hiring additional poll workers for two elections every two years is \$197,600 (95 counties x 13 days of early voting x \$80 a day = \$98,800 x every two years = \$197,600).

**Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "White" clearly legible, and "W." in the middle.

James W. White, Executive Director

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